

Fr. Toporowicz, Virginia Pastor, Dies at 55

VIRGINIA,—The Rev. Stephen Toporowicz, 55, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Virginia since 1966, died Monday in the Virginia hospital.

A graduate of Duluth Cathedral High School, Father Toporowicz attended Nazareth Hall, St. Paul, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., and was ordained by the late Bishop Thomas A. Welch on June 7, 1941.

He began his career as assistant pastor of the Duluth Cathedral, followed by pastorates at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Duluth, Split Rock, Deerwood, Garrison and as chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd.

Father Toporowicz became pastor of St. John's on Aug. 42, 1966.

The Most Rev. Paul F. Anderson, bishop of Duluth diocese, will be the principal celebrant at a concelebrated funeral mass at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. John's.